

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY WITH showers of snow and rain mixed tonight; becoming colder; scattered snow flurries late tonight, Sunday. Low tonight, 32; High Sunday, 34.

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SALEM — SNOWY, WET AND SLUSHY TODAY

5 Inches Snow Covers Valley In First Storm

Freezing Weather Creates Icy Slush on Highways & Streets

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER. First measurable snow of the winter and the heaviest fall of it since in February, 1952, covered Salem and valley regions Saturday morning.

Nearly five inches of the stuff was measured in Salem, 4.9 inches to be exact, by this morning. The snow started drifting down on the city in earnest about 7 p.m. Friday.

Below freezing temperatures are due to move in tonight, the forecast calling for a low of 26 in Salem—and that means an icy glaze and treacherous going for cars.

The snow is very wet. By mid-morning Saturday the streets downtown and the roads adjacent to the city were a mass of slush, slowing up traffic considerably.

Last Since in '52. The last big snowfall in Salem was in February of 1952 when 4.3 inches came down in a 24-hour period and the month's total was 5.8 inches.

All of the lower valley was matted with the current snowfall, Saturday morning, causing considerable disruption for power and communication lines as well as making travel hazardous.

And the forecast calls for more mixed rain and snow to-night and snow flurries through Sunday.

Road crews were out in force Saturday in all sections of the valley, clearing roads and sanding slick spots.

Portland Hard Hit. Portland area was harder hit than some of the valley sections. Strong easterly winds drifted the snow in places. Portland reported six inches of snow in a 12-hour period starting at 7 p.m. Friday.

Chains are necessary for all travel on mountain roads and pass regions, the Oregon Highway commission report said Saturday.

Arctic Air in Central West. A mid-January blizzard whistled across the northern plains and Wyoming Saturday as the season's coldest weather headed for wide areas in the mid-continent.

Temperatures early Saturday were near 30 degrees below zero in parts of the cold belt. Fresh falls of snow were in prospect for many areas.

Cold wave warnings were issued for many central states. It was 28 degrees below zero Saturday in Cutbank, Mont.; -24 in Minot, N.D.; -22 in International Falls, Minn.; and -7 in Minneapolis.

In contrast, temperatures in the Gulf region and in the southeast were in the 50s and 60s.

Witness Raps McCarthy And Is Thrown Out

Suspended GE Employee Accuses Senator of Conspiracy

BOSTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy's hearing into subversion in industry was thrown into an uproar Saturday when Nathaniel Mills, a suspended General Electric Co. employee, stood in the rear of the courtroom and shouted:

"McCarthy! I accuse you of conspiring with the company and getting the jobs of General Electric people."

Deputy U.S. marshals forcibly ejected the stoutly-resisting Mills who continued a tirade as the majority of spectators booed and shouted, "Throw him out." A few applauded.

Mills is under suspension by General Electric for refusing to answer questions concerning Communists before McCarthy here last November. He invoked the fifth amendment at that time.

Refuses to Give Names. Mills' ejection came just as Alexander Gregory, 64-year-old Lynn general electric employee, refused to give McCarthy, sitting as a one-man Senate investigating subcommittee, the names of persons the senator described as "Communist-conspirators" he might have known at Lynn.

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No Respite for Inland Empire

By The Associated Press. Snowbound sections of the Inland Empire got no respite from a first really severe weather of the winter.

Winds still were blowing in many areas. Highway crews were busy keeping the highways clear of drifting snow, and the Empire's major roads were open to traffic.

Near zero temperatures were registered at many eastern Washington and northern Idaho points during the night. A low of eight above in Spokane was recorded by the weather bureau. About three inches of snow has fallen since the storm started Friday morning, and more is on the way.

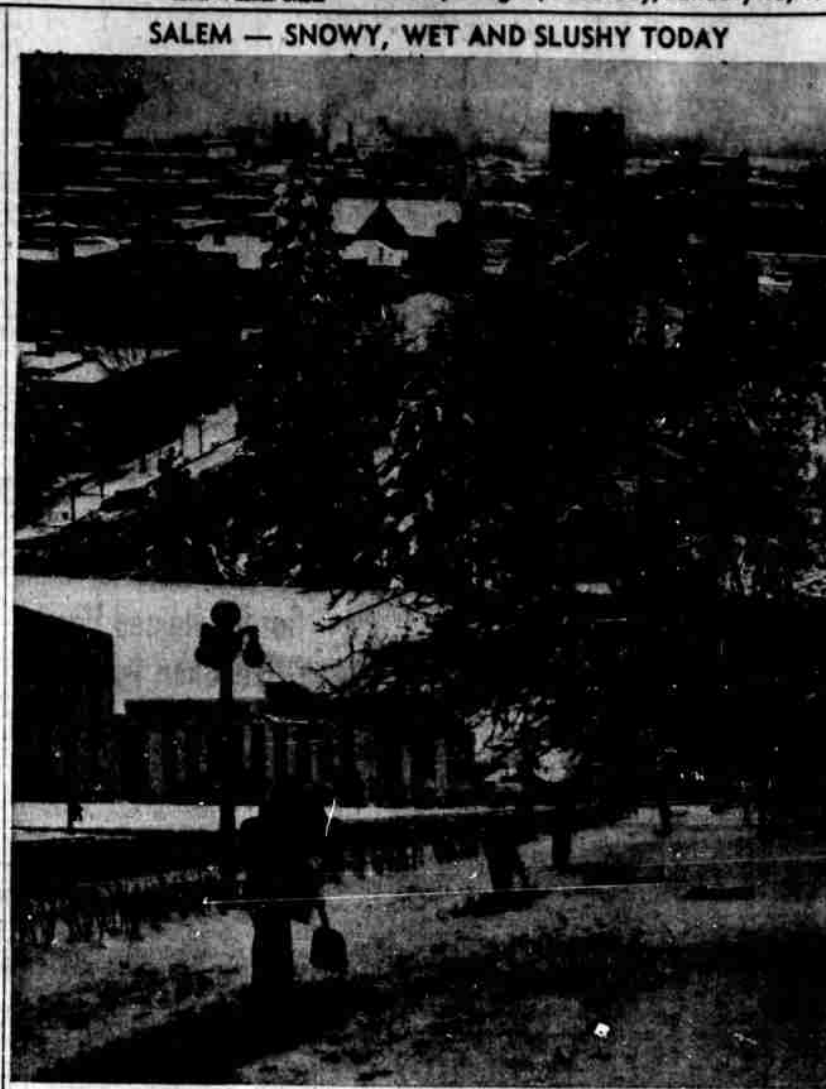
High winds still were blowing, and more snow was falling in the Idaho Panhandle. Highways were plagued with drifting snow, but were open.

Train Engineer Falls to Death. SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—The engineer of the Southern Pacific train, the Lark, tumbled from the engine and was killed early Saturday while the train was speeding northward toward San Francisco.

He, Mervyn D. McEvoy, about 65, of San Luis Obispo, Southern Pacific fireman and engineer since 1912.

Railroad officials here and at the San Luis Obispo, gave this account of the tragedy: McEvoy and Sween took over the double unit diesel engine at Santa Barbara when the train left here at 11:34 o'clock Friday night, having left Los Angeles at 9 o'clock.

At Arlight, northwest of here, McEvoy asked Sween to take over the controls. The engineer said he wanted to check something in the second unit.



Top: View of downtown Salem made from top of the Capitol showing wet and melting snow clinging to Willson Park trees and inches deep on roof tops. Lower: Snow shovellers were busy during Saturday morning removing slushy snow from sidewalks bordering the Capitol.

Oregon Indian Payment Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House Interior subcommittee will hold hearings next month on a bill to bring about distribution of more than 2 1/2 million dollars to certain Western Oregon Indians.

The bill, by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.), would authorize preparation of a tribal roll to determine who should share in the distribution.

Rep. Miller (R-Neb.), chairman of the House Interior Committee, has advised Ellsworth a hearing will be held Feb. 5 by the Indians Affairs subcommittee.

Involved is \$2,540,000 which the Court of Claims awarded to various bands of Western Oregon Indians several years ago after the Indians sought compensation for lands which the government took from them. Congress appropriated the money after the court verdict but no distribution has been made.

Crash of Jet Kills 2 Airmen

VALBOSTA, Ga. (AP)—Crewmen of a Moody Air Force Base F89 jet interceptor plane which crashed Friday near Quincy, Fla., were identified Saturday as Capt. William Grondahl, pilot, and 1st Lt. Joseph T. Smyda, radar observer.

Moody officials said the bodies have not been recovered but the men are "presumed dead."

Grondahl is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Grondahl, Valdosta, and his parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Sigurd Grondahl, Stella, Wash.

Smyda was from Rochester, N.Y. The plane, on a training mission, crashed into Lake Talquin, a remote swampy area west of Tallahassee, Fla.

Special Council Meet Called on CJ Building

Should the City of Salem buy the Capital Journal building at 444 Chesapeake Street, recently vacated by the newspaper, plans are in mind that would involve a shifting of city departments and some new building construction.

Mayor Al Loucks Sturday issued a call to the City Council for a special meeting Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider the purchase or lease of the building.

Acquisition of the Capital Journal building, considered by the city as highly desirable because it is in the same block as City Hall, is still believed to be contingent on the sale of the city-owned property on Trade Street between South Commercial and South Liberty.

Bernard Mainwaring, editor and publisher of the Capital Journal and owner of the Capital Journal building, has offered the property to the city for \$75,000. The sale value of the city's property on Trade is roughly estimated at \$225,000. The city is informed by a real estate broker that at least two prospective buyers.

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Red Insurance Front Banned

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Subversive Activities Control Board Saturday ordered the International Workers Order, Inc., an insurance and fraternal organization, to register as a communist front.

The board granted a motion by the justice department for a default judgment on the ground that the organization several times failed to show up to defend itself.

The order was the first by the board calling upon any organization to register with the justice department as a Red front under the internal security act. The communist party itself has been ordered to register, but has appealed to the courts to reverse the board and declare the act unconstitutional. Registration proceedings are pending against 11 other alleged Red fronts.

India and POW Stay

Prisoners...ected by Hull

UN Will Accept Prisoners; But On Own Terms

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The U.N. Command said Saturday it would accept from the Indians 22,000 unrepatriated anti-Communist war prisoners — But not on India's condition that they remain prisoners.

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However, Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the neutral repatriation commission, said it would be an armistice violation if either side changed the status of the POWs.

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Worst Storm In Europe for Years Abates

LONDON (AP)—Gales howling across the British Isles and Western Europe quieted down Saturday, leaving in their wake a heavy death toll and costly wreckage.

A blizzard—the third in 14 days—lashed Sweden but the worst appeared over the British Isles and continental Europe after a nightmarish night.

Austria, counting 130 dead in snow avalanches, was still digging out with many lonely villages cut off from the outside world in the great Walser "valley of death."

American helicopters taking off in mercy missions were hampered somewhat by high winds sweeping the mountainous ski country.

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Board Named For Rail Strike

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower today appointed a three man emergency board to investigate a threatened strike by about a million non-operating employees of 150 major railroads.

The board is composed of former Chief Justice Charles Loring of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Judge Adolph E. Wenke of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and Martin Paul Catherwood, dean of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

The dispute involves rules and regulations and fringe benefits such as vacation pay and health welfare matters rather than wages.

Asks Big Four To Nude Meet On Himalayas

ALLAHABAD, India (AP)—The holiest of India's Holy Men suggested Saturday that the world's Big Four leaders assemble nude on Himalayan heights and there seek peace for the people of the troubled earth.

They believe India's Premier Nehru — also nude — should preside at this proposed meeting of President Eisenhower, prime Minister Churchill, Premier Malenkov and Mao Tse Tung.

And if the lofty Himalayas are impractical they suggested an alternative — the burning ghats of Benares City where Hindu bodies are cremated.

The proposal came from the Holy men known as Naga Sadhus who are regarded as having attained human perfection by discarding all earthly desires and possessions, including clothes. They are here to lead some 5 or 10 million pilgrims in the month-long Mela period of bathing at the confluence of the sacred Ganges and Jumna Rivers.

This is not the first nude conference to be suggested by the Naga Sadhus. Three years ago a leader suggested that Truman and Stalin should meet naked in the Himalayas — also to talk peace.

India to Cancel 2 US Airlines

NEW DELHI, India, (AP)—India has formally notified the United States that she wishes to terminate a seven-year-old commercial agreement regulating the operation of two American airlines here.

The termination, requested yesterday, becomes effective at the end of a prescribed month period.

The two nations have tried unsuccessfully for two years to negotiate a modification of the 1946 treaty. India sought to modify the number of U.S. flights through the country, contending that the lines competed with her own nationalized International Air Transport.

Renewed efforts to reach a new agreement are expected to follow the latest Indian action. Two American lines—Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines Inc.—operate through India.

SEVEN KILLED IN THEATRE FIRE. OTARU, Japan (AP)—At least seven persons, including three children, died Saturday in a fire which destroyed a motion picture theater here. Kyoto News Service reported. More than 20 persons were listed as injured.

Marilyn Hides Whereabouts

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were on their honeymoon today but nobody knew where.

They left Paso Robles, about half way from San Francisco, yesterday afternoon after spending their wedding night in a motel there.

Neither did anyone know when Marilyn would return to her studio, where she was suspended 12 days ago when she failed to start work on "Pink Tights."

Twentieth Century-Fox said she demanded the right to pass on the script of her pictures, but there were reports that she wanted more money.

Her agent, her attorney and the studio all professed ignorance of the plans of the honeymooners, married Thursday in a civil ceremony at the San Francisco City Hall.

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India to Oppose Korean Debate

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States with support of other big powers gave the cold shoulder today to India's proposal to recall the U.N. General Assembly Feb. 9 for debate on Korea.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, of India, the Assembly president, had issued the call earlier this week, asking for replies by Jan. 22.

The United States said it would not be able to decide by that date—which meant that the U.S. didn't want a session called while the prisoner question and the Korean political conference talks remained up in the air. The U.S. left the door open for a later meeting by adding it was keeping the proposal under consideration.

Reportedly taking the same view were Britain, France, Australia and the Netherlands—all members of the U.N. Allied force in Korea.

No Butter for Sale to Soviets. WASHINGTON (UP)—The Eisenhower administration made clear to Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov today that he can expect no help in the way of cut rate U.S. butter in his bid for more solid popularity with the Russian people.

Since shortly after he succeeded the late Josef Stalin, Malenkov has been promising the Russian people better living conditions and more consumer goods, such as butter.

But the administration has turned down a plan under which the Russians would have received about 3,000 tons of surplus U.S. butter at cut rate prices. Dwayne Andreas, a Mankato, Minn., businessman, had proposed buying the butter from this government at 50 cents a pound for export to Russia.

Last Tuesday, Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks indicated he was looking with favor on the deal when he said the U.S. policy "has been, and still is," generally to approve export of nonstrategic goods to Russia and its European satellites except when it has an "adverse impact" on the free world's security.

Bonneville Receipts In '53 Dropped Million

PORTLAND (AP)—Dr. Paul Raver, in his final annual report to the secretary of interior on operations of the Bonneville power administration, revealed today that gross revenues of the Columbia river power system had dropped for the first time since 1946. He attributed the decrease to reduced stream flow in the Columbia river basin in 1953.

The 16th annual report, submitted to Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and made public today, showed BPA earned gross revenues of \$39,175,209 for a decrease of \$1,004,937 from fiscal 1952.

Rhee to Act on Own After Apr 1

TOKYO (AP)—President Syngman Rhee's statement today that he would act on his own after April 23 unless some decision had been reached on the unification of Korea is contrary to what he has been telling the United Nations command.

The impression around Gen. John E. Hull's Tokyo headquarters is that Rhee will respect the armistice, as he has been asked to do and had promised several U.S. representatives.

The South Korean army by itself could fight about six days before running out of ammunition, if it didn't have United Nations support.

Many people believe Rhee says one thing for home consumption and another for the U. N. command.

Arming with Guided Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is arming its forces in Germany with guided missiles capable of carrying atomic warheads hundreds of miles into Red-held territory.

The Air Force announced tersely last night that it will send two pilotless bomber squadrons to Germany this year. No details were given.

This move seemed to fit into basic U. S. strategy defined by Secretary of State Dulles in a "New York speech Tuesday and affirmed by President Eisenhower at his news conference the next day.

This strategy, Dulles said, is based on "massive retaliatory power" to deter Soviet aggression.

In this connection, the decision to augment the fire power of American forces helping Western Europe immediately raised a question:

Would this mean fewer American troops in Europe? "No, not in itself," Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson told reporters yesterday. He didn't say more.

Ike Confers on Atomic Uses

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower conferred for an hour Saturday with six government officials an military experts interested in atomic power in war and peace.

There was no immediate comment from either the White House or the participants as to what specifically was discussed, but the meeting presumably dealt with the president's proposal for an international pool of atomic energy for peaceful uses.

Attending the meeting were Secretary of State Dulles, Roger M. Kyes, deputy secretary of defense who submitted for Secretary Wilson, Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy commission; Vice Adm. Arthur C. Davis director of the office of foreign military affairs at the Pentagon; Walter Bedell Smith, undersecretary of state, and C. D. Jackson, White House specialist on psychological warfare.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum 29. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.94; 24-hour snowfall: 5.14. Sea level barometer: 30.23; normal, 30.16. River height, 4.5 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Storm Strikes Washington

BELLINGHAM (AP)—The south end of Bellingham was blacked out for several hours Friday night by an overload on a power substation and by falling trees.

The weather bureau was unable to forecast any general end to the storm although most areas had some respite during the day.

One of the hardest hit cities was Seattle where ice and snow-covered streets snarled traffic when the storm first struck. Four high school basketball games were postponed although the University of Washington went ahead with its game with Oregon State and played before 8,000 fans.

Coldest point in the state was the reported 8 degrees below zero at Okanogan, in eastern Washington.

Utility Service Out For Many in Valley

Hundreds of customers of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Salem, and Portland General Electric company were without service Saturday because of weather conditions.

The Friday night fall of snow, which was SOGGY with water, caused a general crashing down of tree limbs, utility wires and poles, and most of the telephone company and the power company rushed all crewmen to meet the emergency.

Unless there is a further fall of snow it is believed the crews by working throughout tonight, will have the services restored by late Sunday.

The telephone company estimated that 500 subscribers were without service in Salem, 300 at Dallas, 150 in the Independence area, and 50 at Woodburn, while Detroit is isolated.

Woman Beats Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP)—Mrs. Edith Earle, an elderly British woman with a secret system for winning at the gambling tables, said Saturday she is going to "La Belle Otero," a turn of the century Spanish dancer who was the rage of the continent.

La Belle Otero, 84-year-old Caroline Otero, is nearly destitute and now lives in a small room in Nice.

Mrs. Earle, 79, is a regular visitor to Monte Carlo, where, she says, she wins 20 or 30,000 francs (\$85 or \$115) a day, thanks to a secret system taught her by her late husband, a mathematician.

Last year I won 3 1/2 million francs (\$10,000) in three months," she said. "A Maharajah offered me five million francs (\$14,285) for my secret, but I refused."

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light service. Within the Salem city limits disruption was not serious. In other parts of the valley there was a scattering of fallen poles and wires, most of which caused service trouble. Tree limbs weighted with snow falling into wires caused most of the trouble.

The telephone company expected to have about half the service restored by Saturday night and the rest of it by Sunday night. The power company was picking up the trouble spots as fast as possible and, barring more unfavorable weather, expects to have repairs completed over the week-end.

Salem Electric, cooperative, reported some outages early Saturday when two wires went down, but repairs had been made by noon.

Buses of City Transit Lines were unable to make the complete Boone Road route, and were unable to complete the Candalaria Heights run until just after noon. Traffic on Fairmount Hill was barred because the area was blocked off and converted into a children's play area.